In the Claims

The following is a marked-up version of the claims with the language that is underlined ("___") being added and the language that contains strikethrough ("—") being deleted:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:

presenting an interactive media guide having an indexing prompt to said user;

receiving user input identifying said indexing prompt; and

providing the user with media titles corresponding to an indexing parameter associated with said indexing prompt.

receiving media information corresponding to a plurality of accessible media;

configuring a display order of media titles in the received media information according to the value of a media information parameter;

defining each index in a plurality of user-selectable indices according to a respective range of values of the media information parameter, each respective range of values being determined according to a first threshold defining a predetermined number of media titles;

configuring the plurality of user-selectable indices for indexing the media titles in the display order, each user-selectable index corresponding to the media titles in the received media information determined by the respective range of values of the media information parameter corresponding to the user-selectable index;

responsive to a user selecting a first user-selectable index, providing simultaneously in the display order at least a portion of the media titles corresponding to the first user-selectable index and the user-selected category.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method for providing media information to a user via an interactive media services client device coupled to a programmable media services server device, said method comprising steps of:

receiving media information corresponding to a plurality of accessible media;

configuring an interactive media guide with a display order of the media titles in the received media information according to the value of a media information parameter and according to a portion of the received media information corresponding to a user-selected category;

determining a range of values of the media information parameter corresponding to each index in a plurality of user-selectable indices, the range of values being determined according to the number of media titles in the portion of the received media information corresponding to the respective range of values;

configuring the interactive media guide with the plurality of user-selectable indices for indexing the media titles in the display order;

presenting to a user an interactive media guide having ~~an~~ a plurality of indexing prompts corresponding to respective user-selectable indices ~~to said user~~ ;

receiving a first user input identifying a first ~~said~~ indexing prompt corresponding to a first user-selectable index; and

~~providing the user with media titles corresponding to an indexing parameter associated with said indexing prompt.~~

responsive to the first user input, providing simultaneously in the display order at least a portion of the media titles corresponding to the first user-selectable index and the user-selected category.

3.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the <u>range of values defining each</u>

<u>user-selectable index is</u> ~~indexing parameter~~ is selected from a group consisting of:

an alphanumeric character, a plurality of alphanumeric characters, a year, a

plurality of years, a rating, a plurality of ratings.

4.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the media <u>information parameter is</u>

~~titles are indexed by an indexing characteristic~~ selected from a group consisting of:

title name, director name, actor name, year of release, title rating, critic rating

5.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

receiving user input identifying <u>a media information parameter for</u> ~~an~~ indexing ~~characteristic by~~

~~which~~ the media titles ~~are indexed~~.

6. – 15. (Canceled)

16.   (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

charging the user a fee in connection with the provision of indexing functionality.

17.   (Currently Amended) An interactive media services client device for providing media
information to a user comprising:

memory for storing media information received from a server, said media
information corresponding to a plurality of respective accessible media; ~~data~~;

~~an indexing prompt and a media title stored in said memory, wherein said media~~
~~title corresponds to an indexing parameter identified by said indexing~~
~~prompt;~~ and

a processor configured ~~to cause~~ to:

~~said media title corresponding to said indexing parameter to be displayed on a~~
~~viewing device in response to user input identifying said indexing prompt.~~

cause a display order of the media titles in the received media information
according to the value of the release year of the media title;

enable a plurality of user-selectable indices for indexing displayed media titles,
each user-selectable index corresponding to a range of at least one year;

determine the media titles in the received media information corresponding to
each user-selectable index and a user-selected category; and

responsive to a user input, provide simultaneously in the display order at least a
portion of the media titles in the received media information corresponding to a first user-
selectable index and the user-selected category.

18.   (Original) The client device of claim 17, wherein only media titles belonging to a sub-list of
media titles are provided to the user.

19.   (Canceled)

20.   (Canceled)

21.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 17, further

comprising:

receiving user input identifying ~~an indexing characteristic~~ the first user-selectable index

~~by which the media titles are indexed~~.

22.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 21, wherein

the media titles are ordered based on both the user-selected category ~~identified characteristic~~ and

the first user-selectable index. ~~user identified indexing parameter~~.

23.   (Original) The interactive media services client device of claim 17, wherein user input is

initiated by the user pressing an arrow button on a remote control device.

24.   (Canceled)

25.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of ~~claim 24,~~ claim 51,

wherein a the first user-selectable index ~~first indexing prompt~~ and a first media title associated

with said first user-selectable index ~~indexing prompt~~ are highlighted.

26.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 25, wherein a

second media title associated with a second user-selectable index indexing prompt is highlighted

in response to the client device receiving user input designating said second user-selectable

index indexing prompt to be highlighted.

27.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 25, wherein a

second indexing prompt user selectable index associated with a second media title is highlighted in

response to the client device receiving user input designating said second media title to be

highlighted.

28. – 31. (Canceled)

32.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 28, claim 52,

further comprising:

        receiving user input identifying an indexing characteristic the first user-selectable index.

by which the media titles are indexed.

33.   (Canceled)

34.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of claim 28, claim 52,

wherein user input is initiated by the user pressing an arrow button on a remote control device.

35.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of ~~claim 28,~~ claim 52, wherein said interactive media guide includes a plurality of indexing prompts and a plurality of media titles.

36.   (Canceled)

37.   (Canceled)

38.   (Currently Amended) The interactive media services client device of ~~claim 36,~~ claim 58, wherein a second ~~indexing prompt~~ user-selectable index associated with a second media title is highlighted in response to the client device receiving user input designating said second media title to be highlighted.

39.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the range of values defining each user-selectable index is from a group consisting of:

an alphanumeric character, a plurality of alphanumeric characters, a media title release year, a plurality of years, a rating, a plurality of ratings.

40.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the information parameter is selected from a group consisting of:

title name, director name, actor name, year of release, title rating, critic rating.

41   (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

receiving user input identifying a media information parameter for indexing the media

titles.

42.   (New) The method of claim 1 each respective range of values defining a user-selectable

index is further determined according to a second threshold defining a second predetermined

number of media titles.

43.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein each respective range of values is further

determined according to a first threshold defining a first predetermined number of media titles.

44.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the first range of values defining the first user-

selectable index is

an alphanumeric character and a second range of values defining a second user-selectable

index is at least two alphanumeric characters.

45.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the first range of values defining the first user-

selectable index is an alphanumeric character and a second range of values defining a second

user-selectable index is a plurality of alphanumeric characters.

46.   (New) The method of claim 1, wherein the media information parameter corresponds to a

media release year, the first range of values defining the first user-selectable index is

a year, and a second range of values defining a second user-selectable index is a plurality of

years.

47.   (New) The method of claim 2, wherein the media information parameter corresponds to a

media release year, the first range of values defining the first user-selectable index is

a year, and a second range of values defining a second user-selectable index is a plurality of

years.

48.   (New) The method of claim 2, further comprising the step of:

charging the user a fee in connection with the provision of indexing functionality.

49.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 17, wherein the user-selected

category corresponds to the media titles in the received media information corresponding to all

the movies in the media information.

50.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 17, wherein the user-selected

category corresponds a portion of the media titles in the received media information

corresponding to one from: horror, drama, comedy, action, and foreign.

51.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 17, wherein a first range of values corresponding to the first user-selectable index is a year, and a second range of values corresponding to a second user-selectable index is a plurality of years.

52.   (New) An interactive media services client device for providing media to a user comprising:

memory for storing media information received from a server, said media information corresponding to a plurality of respective accessible media; and

a processor configured to:

cause a display order of media titles in the received media information according to the value of a media information parameter and according to a portion of the received media information;

determine a range of values of the media information parameter corresponding to each index in a plurality of user-selectable indices, the range of values being determined according to the number of media titles in the portion of the received media information corresponding to the respective range of values;

enable an interactive media guide with the plurality of user-selectable indices for indexing the media titles in the display order;

present to a user the interactive media guide having a plurality of indexing prompts corresponding to respective user-selectable indices;

receive a first user input identifying a first indexing prompt corresponding to a first user-selectable index; and

responsive to the first user input, provide simultaneously in the first display order at least a portion of the media titles corresponding to the first user-selectable index and the user-selected category.

53.   (New) The client device of claim 52, wherein the portion of the received media information corresponds to a user-selected category.

54.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 53, wherein the user-selected category corresponds to the media titles in the received media information corresponding to all the movies in the media information.

55.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 52, wherein first range of values defining the first user-selectable index is an alphanumeric character and a second range of values defining a second user-selectable index is at least two alphanumeric characters.

56.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 32, wherein media information parameter corresponds to a media release year, the first range of values defining the first user-selectable index is a year, and a second range of values defining a second user-selectable index is a plurality of years.

57.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 53, wherein the media titles are ordered based on both the user-selected category and the first user-selectable index.

58.   (New) The interactive media services client device of claim 52, wherein the first user-selectable index and a first media title associated with said first user-selectable index are highlighted.